



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 322

LCO No. 1505

Referred to Committee on GENERAL LAW

Introduced by:
SEN. MUSTO, 22nd Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING HOME IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTORS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That the general statutes be amended to require any person
2 required to execute a contract prior to performing work on residential
3 property to: (1) Obtain a license from the state, which license
4 application process shall include taking and passing a test
5 administered by the state to ensure such person has the knowledge to
6 properly perform the work authorized by such license, and (2) require
7 the posting of a cash bond for such license in an amount determined
8 by the Department of Consumer Protection. If such person performs
9 work without a license, the penalty shall be a class C misdemeanor for
10 the first offense and a class B misdemeanor for each subsequent
11 offense. If such person fails to perform under the contract and if the
12 homeowner has fully performed under the contract, the Department of
13 Consumer Protection, after a hearing, may suspend such person's
14 license until such time as such person makes the homeowner
15 financially whole. If such person takes a monetary advance from a
16 homeowner and fails to purchase the required materials with such
17 advance or fails to perform any work other than demolition, and if the

18 homeowner pays such person pursuant to the contract terms, the
19 Department of Consumer Protection shall, after a hearing, suspend
20 such person's license until such person repays the homeowner and
21 said department shall refer such person to the office of the Chief State's
22 Attorney for prosecution.

Statement of Purpose:

To protect the public by strengthening the laws regarding home improvement contractors.